Installing Xbox 360 Dual Fans

Tools used in this guide

- Metal Spudger Set
- Spudger
- T10 Torx Screwdriver
- Xbox 360 Opening Tool

Parts relevant to this guide

- Xbox 360 Dual Fans (Early Model)
- Xbox 360 Dual Fans (Late Models)

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Step 1 - Hard Drive

- Grasp the hard drive assembly and press the release button while lifting its front edge.
- Remove the hard drive assembly from the top vent.

Step 2 - Bottom Vent

- Stand the console vertically with the bottom edge facing up.

- Insert the flat end of a spudger or the edge of an Xbox 360 opening tool into the small gap at the front edge of the bottom vent.
- Pry the front edge of the bottom vent away from the faceplate.

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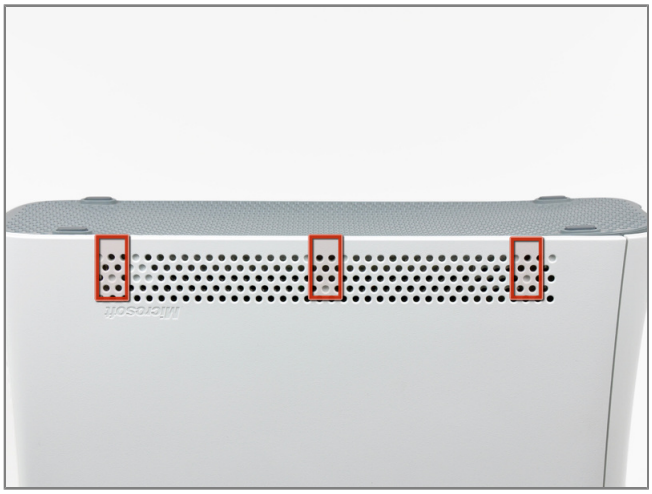

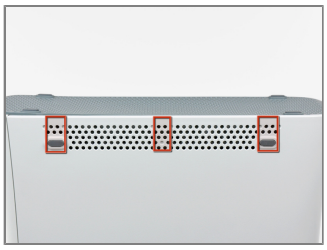

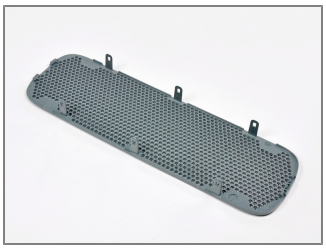

Step 3

- In the next few steps, you will use the tip of a spudger or the finger of an Xbox 360 opening tool to release the clips along the left and right sides of the bottom vent. Their locations are highlighted in red.

Step 4

- To release the clips, work from the front edge of the bottom vent.
- While slightly lifting the front edge of the bottom vent, use the tip of a spudger to push the clips closest to the front of the bottom vent towards the inside of the console.

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Step 5

- Repeat the same process to release the two center clips on the bottom vent.

Step 6

- Use the tip of your spudger to release the clips on the bottom vent nearest the back of the Xbox.

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Step 7

- Remove the bottom vent from the 360.

Step 8 - Faceplate

- Insert the edge of a spudger between the faceplate and the outer casing near the power button.
- Run your spudger along the edge of the faceplate to release the clips securing it to the front of the console.

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Step 9

- Repeat the same motions as previously mentioned to release the left side of the faceplate.

Step 10

- Remove the faceplate from the front face of the console.

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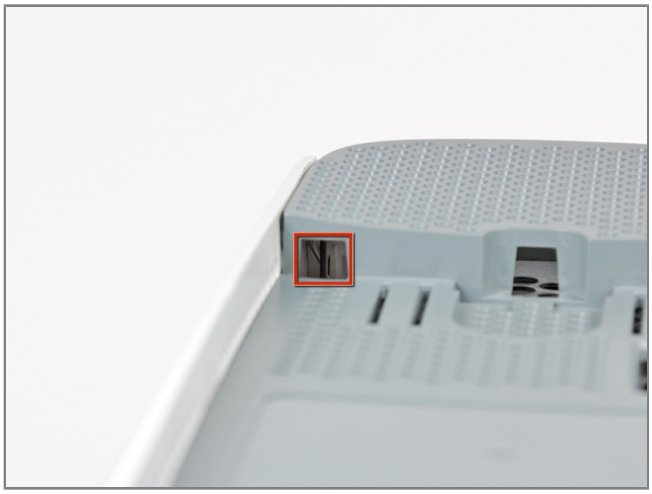
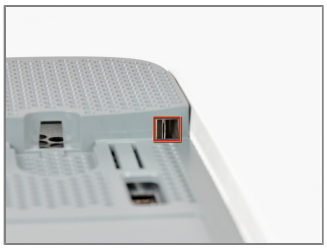
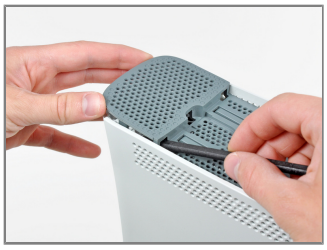




Step 11 - Top Vent

- Stand the console vertically with the top edge facing up.
- The top vent is secured to the console via clips. The first two clips are located underneath the top vent closest to the faceplate, as shown in the pictures.



Step 12

- Insert the flat end of a spudger into the small gaps previously mentioned to release the clips.

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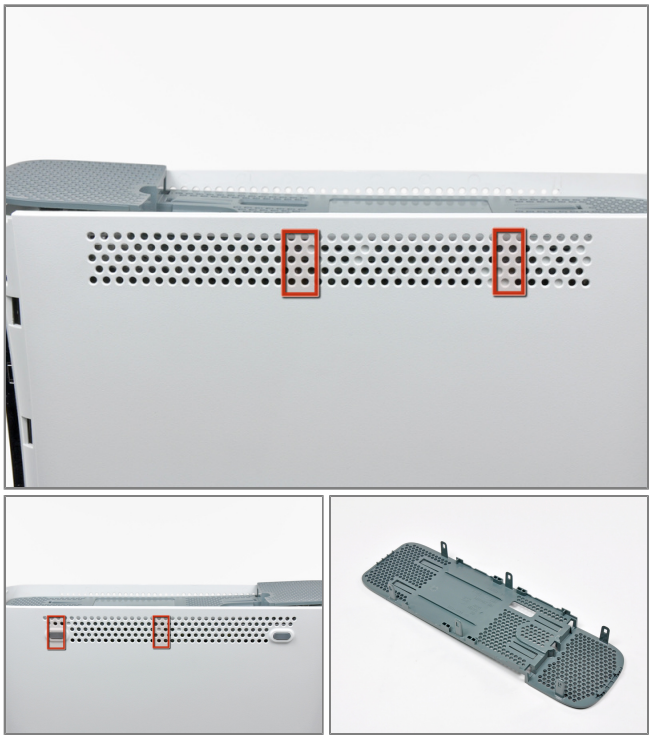

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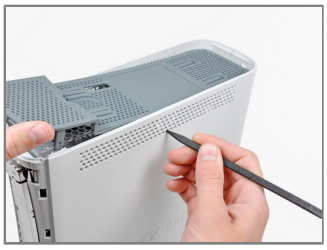
- In the next few steps, you will use the tip of a spudger or the finger of an Xbox 360 opening tool to release the clips along the left and right sides of the top vent. Their locations are highlighted in red.



Step 14

- To release the clips, work from the middle of the top vent.
- While slightly lifting the front edge of the top vent, use the tip of a spudger to push the clips closest to the center of the top vent towards the inside of the console.

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Step 15

- Use the tip of your spudger to release the clip on the top vent nearest the back of the Xbox's upper case.

Step 16

- The last clip is hidden underneath the rubber foot nearest the back of the console.

- Use the tip of your spudger to release the clip on the top vent nearest the back of the Xbox.
- Remove the top vent from the 360.

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Step 17 - Lower Case

- To continue, you must peel the warranty sticker off the console. Be aware that this will void your console's warranty agreement with Microsoft. Proceed at your own risk.
- Carefully peel the warranty sticker off the console.

Step 18

- The upper and lower cases are attached via several latches, located in the front and back of the console. These latches must be disengaged to separate the upper case from the console.
- Use the flat end of a spudger to release the following latches:
  - Above the front-facing USB ports.
  - Beneath the front-facing USB ports.
  - Above the Memory Unit slots.

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Step 19

- Insert the flat end of a spudger and pry upwards to release the last remaining latch located above the eject button.

Step 20

- Slightly lift the front portion of the lower case to ensure that the latches in the front have been completely released.

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Step 21

- The upper and lower cases are held together by seven release latches located on the back of the console. Their locations are highlighted in red.

Step 22

- If you do not have an Xbox 360 opening tool, skip to the next step.

- Press the Xbox 360 opening tool down into the clips securing the lower case to the upper case near the I/O ports.
- While pressing down on the tool, push the lower and upper cases apart to separate the retaining clips.

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Step 23

- While pushing the upper and lower cases apart, insert the pointed end of a small metal spudger into the recesses located near the I/O ports and push downward to release each retaining clip.
- Work from the outer edge of the case inwards.

Step 24

- While pusing the upper and lower cases apart, use the tip of a spudger or the finger of an Xbox 360 opening tool to push the long clip highlighted in red toward the center of the 360.
- The clip should release, leaving the clips near the power connector as the only thing holding the upper and lower cases together.

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Step 25

- If you do not have an Xbox 360 opening tool, skip to the next step.
- Press the Xbox 360 opening tool down into the two remaining clips near the power connector.
- Push the upper and lower cases apart to fully release the retaining clips.

Step 26

- Release the latches located above the power connector using the same procedure as previously noted.

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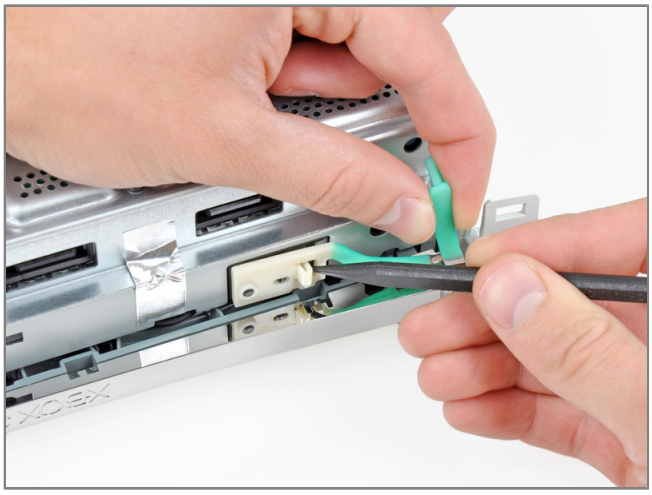
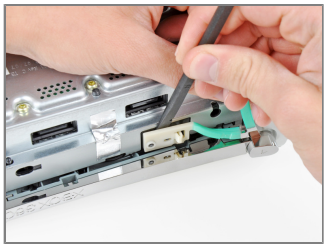
Step 27

- Orient the console so that the front portion is facing downwards.
- Grasp the back portion of the lower case and lift it upwards to separate it from the console.





Step 28 - Eject Button

- Use the tip of a spudger to release the clip securing the eject button to the metal casing.
- Insert the flat end of a spudger between the eject button and the optical drive.
- Pry the eject button off its retaining posts and remove it from the 360.

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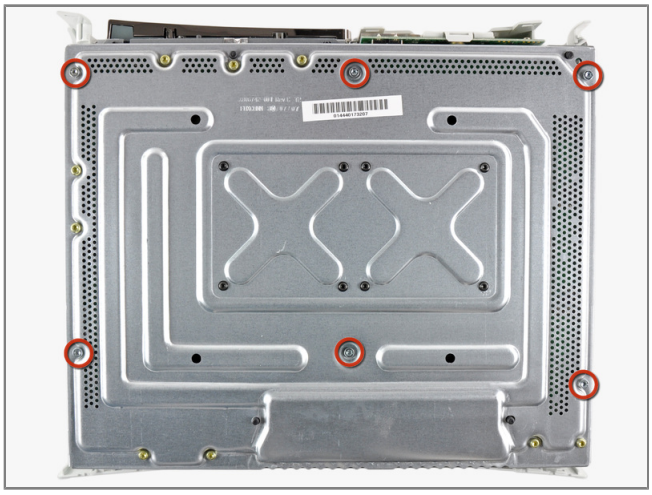

Step 29 - Upper Case

- Remove the six silver 64 mm T10 Torx screws securing the upper case to the metal casing.

Step 30

- Orient the console so that the upper case is facing upwards.
- Lift the upper case straight up and remove it from the console.

Step 31 - Optical Drive

- Peel the silver tape securing the optical drive to the metal casing.

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Step 32

- Slightly lift the optical drive upwards to gain clearance to disconnect the SATA and power connectors located on the backside of the optical drive.
- Don't try to completely remove the optical drive just yet. Two cables still connect it to the motherboard.

Step 33

- Grab the power connector by its cables and pull it straight out of its socket on the optical drive.
- Disconnect the SATA data connector from its socket on the optical drive by pulling it straight away.

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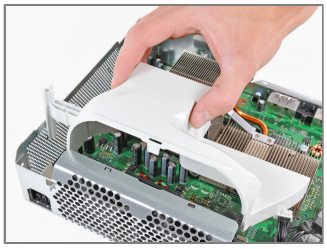
Step 34

- Lift the optical drive assembly out of the metal casing.



Step 35 - Cooling Fan Duct

- Insert the flat end of a spudger into the small rectangular opening on the top of the cooling fan duct.
- Carefully release the fan duct retaining clip and remove the fan duct from the Xbox.

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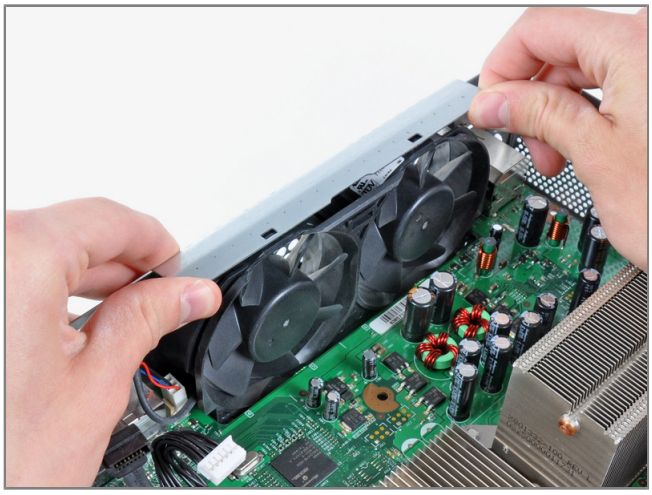
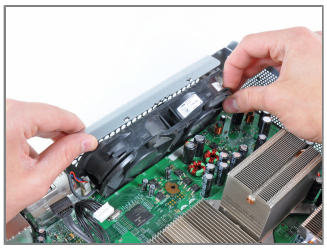
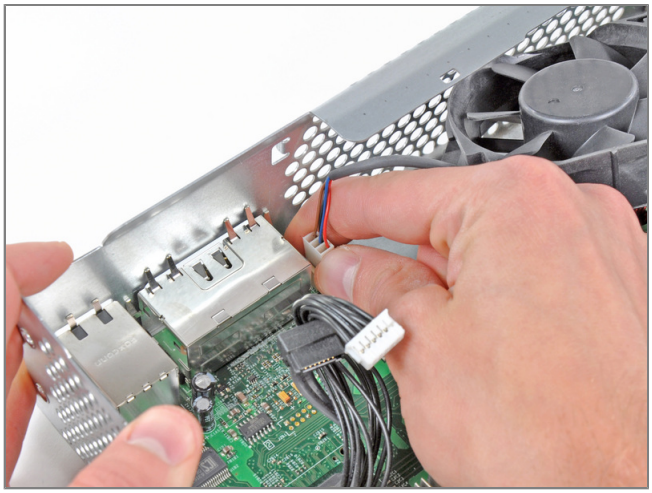




Step 36 - Dual Fans

- While lifting the metal chassis strip above the dual fans, pull them toward the center of the motherboard.
- Do not completely remove the dual fan assembly yet. Its cable is still attached to the motherboard.



Step 37

- Lift the dual fan connector straight up from its socket on the motherboard.
- Remove the dual fan assembly from the console.

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To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.

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